

Missouri Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Cherokee Prairie Region Scoring Worksheet - FY03

Field Office: _____ **Date:** _____

Applicant(s): _____

Address: _____

Farm Number: _____ **Tract Number:** _____ **Acres in Application:** _____

LRF: _____ **New Farmer:** _____ **Livestock Operation:** _____ **if yes, type:** _____

Complete this scoring worksheet for each concern below. Score each tract on a separate scoring worksheet. Award points for practices planned to receive EQIP cost share and/or incentive payments. The final score will be the cumulative score of the three resource concern areas and the Special Emphasis Area.

Percent Planned	Available Points	Points Awarded
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Special Emphasis/Water Quality Areas - 20 point maximum

(1)	Offered acres are in the watershed of a 303d list stream. EQIP planned practice(s) must address the water quality concern in the watershed area identified.	10		A
	OR			
	Offered acres are in the watershed of a public drinking water supply reservoir.	5		
(2)	Percent of unbuffered perennial or intermittent streams, wetlands, sinkholes, or permanent waterbodies planned for buffers.	% X 8		B
(3)	Planned well plugging of all abandoned well(s) on offered acres.	2		C
Sub Total (A + B + C) =		20		D

Livestock Concerns - 80 point maximum

(4)	Planned improvements made to an <u>existing</u> animal waste management system - such as implementing a waste utilization plan, installing manure transfer pipe, installing roofing over existing facilities, adding a composter to a facility, adding solid separation, adding a flush system or similar improvements, closing or converting an existing animal waste facility.	40		
	OR			
	Planned replacement of an inadequate or failing animal waste system or planned installation of a system on an <u>existing</u> operation for collection, storage and/or treatment of animal waste.			
	Animal Numbers: Existing _____ Planned _____			
	a. Planned 0-50% expansion of animal numbers.	40		
	b. Planned 51%-100% expansion of animal numbers.	30		
	c. Planned >100% of expansion of animal numbers.	20		
	OR			
	Planned installation of a <u>new</u> animal waste system for collection, storage, treatment for a <u>new</u> livestock operation and/or enterprise.	15		
(5)	Planned <u>new</u> prescribed grazing system:			
	a. 8 or more paddocks	30		
	b. 4-7 paddocks	20		
	OR			
	<u>Existing</u> prescribed grazing system with plans to increase paddocks by 4 or more new paddocks.	12		
(6)	Plan to convert a minimum of 20% of existing cool season pasture and/or hayland acres to native warm season grasses.	6		G
(7)	Plan to improve a minimum of 30% of existing pasture acres by interseeding legumes.	4		H
Sub Total (E + F + G + H) =		80		I

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Cropland Concerns - 30 point maximum				
(8)	Percent of offered cropland acres planned for nutrient management.		% X 15	J
(9)	Percent of offered cropland acres planned for pest management.		% X 5	K
(10)	Percent of offered cropland acres treated to reduce sheet and/or rill soil erosion (any practice that will reduce sheet and/or rill soil erosion from the existing condition).		% X 10	L
Sub Total (J + K + L) =			30	M
Wildlife and Forestry Concerns - 20 point maximum				
(11)	Planned practices address basic habitat requirements of bobwhite quail on the offered acres.			
	OR			
	Planned restoration of declining habitats - prairie, savanna, glade, riparian forest, permanent wetland - on the contract acres to be treated. Plan practices only on suitable soils.		% x 10	N
(12)	Planned practices benefit a federal threatened or endangered species or a state rare species (see eFOTG section II) on a minimum of 20% of the offered acres.		6	O
(13)	Agroforestry farming systems planned (Minimum of 10 acres) on woodland or transitional soils.		2	P
(14)	Livestock exclusion planned on 90% of all forest land acres (livestock currently has access).		2	Q
Sub Total (N + O + P + Q) =			20	R
Total Points (D + I + M + R) =			150	

I am submitting this Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) application to NRCS for consideration. I understand that any practices started prior to an application being selected for funding and approved as a contract are not eligible for EQIP funding.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of NRCS/SWCD Technical Representative

Date

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